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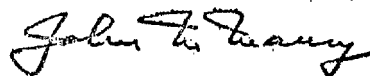
Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel
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Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Rommel:

This is in reply to your request of 25 May 1973 for our views on Department of Defense's proposed report on S. 1520, "to establish a commission to study all laws, executive branch rules, regulations, orders, and procedures, relating to the classification and protection of information...."

We concur in the Defense recommendations that no action be taken on S. 1520, and for substantially the same reasons as given by Defense. In addition, we are concerned that the proposed commission might override a decision of the Director of Central Intelligence not to declassify certain information relating to intelligence sources and methods, protection of which is a statutory responsibility of the Director.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Counsel

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